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Applicants:

T. Yamaguchi et al.

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Serial No.:

09/051,547

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PICTURE AND SOUND DECODING

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APPARATUS PICTURE AND SOUND

CODING APPARATUS AND

INFORMATION TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Technology Center 2600

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 25, 2002 (herein "Office Action"), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 17. Please replace claims 1, 3, 11, 12, 14, 15, 20, 21, 24, and 25 with the following amended claims:

(Four Times Amended) A picture decoding and coding apparatus comprising:

a picture coding apparatus including picture coding means of

coding pictures and providing a picture identifier for each picture as an I, P or B

picture, 5

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priority providing means of correlating each coded picture with a

7 priority identifier which assigns a priority level to one or more frames of the

coded pictures, and 8

transmission control means of transmitting or recording the coded 9

pictures with the priority identifiers; and 10

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